

## **City Manager's**



## **Weekly Update Friday, February 1, 2008**

### **Notes of interest:**

**Dog illness:** Interim Parks and Recreation Director Steve Dutra investigated a resident's complaint that her dog contracted a potentially fatal illness, leptospirosis, hours after visiting the dog area at Beckman Park. Animal Services and the county's health department concur that the incubation period indicates the disease was contracted days before the dog fell ill, and the animal could have been infected nearly anywhere outdoors where wildlife has access. Steve sent the resident a letter explaining his findings. Steve is satisfied, after conferring with experts, that the city's dog parks are safe to continue using and that most visitors are responsible and clean up after their pets.

**General plan:** Rad Bartlam and the General Plan consultants are working on three distinct alternatives for the General Plan update. A public presentation is anticipated in March or April. None of the three will be recommended, with the expectation that the preferred alternative will rise from parts of the three.

**Park restrooms:** Staff is moving rapidly to complete the Beckman and Graves Park restroom improvement projects. These improvements are funded through State Park bonds.

**STAA trucks:** The latest in this saga has an official from Caltrans' District 10 office acknowledging the City may actually have notified the State agency about changes in the STAA routes many years ago, and they would recommend that the State financially assist in any costs related to improving historic STAA routes. Engineers from the City and Caltrans are working together to see if any of the contested locations can be reconfigured to meet the agency's new standards.

**Code enforcement:** The department is moving Monday into its new digs in the Police Department. Code Enforcement already has PD shield decals on its vehicles and code enforcement staff will be wearing police department uniforms next week. The move fits with the concept of community-oriented policing, in which officers on the beat and police volunteers who see possible code violations can report them to someone within their department.

**Movie filming:** Public Works has been contacted by a person who is filming a movie in Lodi using an all-volunteer crew and wants to use Courtroom 1 for a scene once it moves to the new police station this month. The director is a Lodi resident who plans to enter the movie in film festival competitions. If approved, filming in the courtroom will last a day or two. Compensation is expected.

**Traffic stats:** The Police Department reports there were 1,429 traffic collisions in 2007, which sounds like a big number. It was 10 percent lower than 2006, though. Injury collisions were up 10 percent, however. DUI arrests declined 24 percent to 348, and traffic citations climbed 10 percent to 7,517.